श्री एस.एस.अहलुवालिया: अध्यक्ष महोदय, बिहार के 28 शहरों को जो श्रेणी दो में आते हैं । सेन्सस ऑफ इंडिया 1991 के अनुसार,उनको इस कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत लिया गया हैं । अगर सदस्य महोदय चाहें तो मैं नाम पढ़ कर सुना देता हूं ।

श्री जनार्दन यादव: मैंने पूछा कि कितने लोगों को ?

श्री एस.एस.अहलुवालिया: यह तो 28 शहरों में गरीबी रेखा के नीचे जो लोग रहते हैं,उनको इस का लाभ प्राप्त होगा ।

श्री जनार्दन यादव: कितने लोगों को?

श्री एस.एस.अहलुवालिया: 28 शहरों में ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री जनार्दन यादव: 28 शहरों में कितने लोगों को लाभ हुआ ? ...(**व्यवधान**)....

श्री ए.एस.अहलुवालिया: नवम्बर के महीने में लागू की गई थी और उसमें एक प्रावधान था कि जिन राज्यों में स्थानीय निकायों के चुनाव नहीं हुए हैं,वैसे स्थानों को नहीं दिया जाएगा । बिहार के बारे में उसके बाद निर्णय लिया गया और अभी तक वहां कितने इसके बेनीफिशरी होंगे इसकी लिस्ट बिहार से नहीं भेजी गई हैं ।

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Persons Suffering from AIDS

*45. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of men and women in the country, particularly in Gujarat having symptoms of AIDS;

(b) the details of special schemes formulated so far to check AIDS: and

(c) the amount proposed to be spent on the said schemes?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE, MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) As on 31st January, 1996, 1730 men and 582 women have been reported as AIDS cases. Of these 18 men and 7 women are from Gujarat State.

(b) and (c) a comprehensive National AIDS Control Programme is currently under implementation throughout the country including Gujarat State. The Programme is being funded by World Bank soft loan of US $ 84 million (Rs. 222.6 crores) during the period 1992—97. The strategies to combat AIDS consist of strengthening programme management, generation of awareness amongst risk behaviour groups and the general public, control of STDs, condom promotion, blood safety and rational use of blood and better facilities for surveillance, diagnosis and management of HIV/AIDS

Proposal to Privatise Tourism Industry

*46. SHRI T. . VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governmet propose to privatise Tourism Industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The major components of the tourism industry like hotels and travel operations are now primarily in the private sector. The Government of India has taken many steps to motivate additional private sector investment in the building up of tourism infrastructure. These include incentives and concessions for private sector investment and motivating the State Government to prepare investment plans. The Government of India has also created a Special Investment Cell in the